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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO SEPTEMBER 10, 2004 OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS:

This Amendment is filed in reply to the Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on September 10, 2004 in connection with the above-identified patent application. The September 10, 2004 Office Action provided a period of 3 months in which to file a response, i.e., by December 10, 2004. Accordingly, a reply to the September 10, 2004 Office Action is being timely filed.